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Section – A (Compulsory)

101. Movement and accumulation of ions across a membrane against their concentration gradient can be explained by

- (1) Facilitated Diffusion
- (2) Passive Transport
- (3) Active Transport
- (4) Osmosis

102. Among The Evil Quartet, which one is considered the most important cause driving extinction of species?

- (1) Over exploitation for economic gain
- (2) Alien species invasions
- (3) Co-extinctions
- (4) Habitat loss and fragmentation

103. Identify the pair of heterosporous pteridophytes among the following:

- (1) Selaginella and Salvinia
- (2) Psilotum and Salvinia
- (3) Equisetum and Salvinia
- (4) Lycopodium and Selaginella

104. Frequency of recombination between gene pairs on same chromosome as a measure of the distance between genes to map their position on chromosome, was used for the first time by

- (1) Sutton and Boveri
- (2) Alfred Sturtevant
- (3) Henking
- (4) Thomas Hunt Morgan

105. What is the function of tassels in the corn cob?

- (1) To trap pollen grains
- (2) To disperse pollen grains.
- (3) To protect seeds
- (4) To attract insects

106. Identify the correct statements:

- A. Detritivores perform fragmentation.
- B. The humus is further degraded by some microbes during mineralization.
- C. Water soluble inorganic nutrients go down into the soil and get precipitated by a process called leaching.
- D. The detritus food chain begins with living organisms.
- E. Earthworms break down detritus into smaller particles by a process called catabolism.

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (1) B, C, D only (2) C, D, E only
- (3) D, E, A only (4) A, B, C only

107. Given below are two statements: One is labelled as Assertion A and the other is labelled as Reason R:

Assertion A: Late wood has fewer xylary elements with narrow vessels.

Reason R: Cambium is less active in winters. In the light of the above statements.

Choose the correct answer from the options given below :

- (1) Both A and R are true but R is NOT the correct explanation of A.
- (2) A is true but R is false.
- (3) A is false but R is true.
- (4) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A.

108. The process of appearance of recombination nodules occurs at which sub stage of prophase I in meiosis?

- (1) Pachytene (2) Diplotene
(3) Diakinesis (4) Zygotene

109. Which of the following stages of meiosis involves division of centromere?

- (1) Metaphase II (2) Anaphase II
(3) Telophase (4) Metaphase I

110. During the purification process for recombinant DNA technology, addition of chilled ethanol precipitates out

- (1) DNA (2) Histones
(3) Polysaccharides (4) RNA

111. Family Fabaceae differs from Solanaceae and Liliaceae. With respect to the stamens, pick out the characteristics specific to family Fabaceae but not found in Solanaceae or Liliaceae.

- (1) Polyadelphous and epipetalous stamens
(2) Monoadelphous and Monothecous anthers
(3) Epiphyllous and Dithecous anthers
(4) Diadelphous and Dithecous anthers

112. Large, colourful, fragrant flowers with nectar are seen in:

- (1) bird pollinated plants
(2) bat pollinated plants
(3) wind pollinated plants
(4) insect pollinated plants

113. Spraying of which of the following phytohormone on juvenile conifers helps in hastening the maturity period, that leads to early seed production?

- (1) Gibberellic Acid
(2) Zeatin
(3) Abscisic Acid
(4) Indole-3-butyric Acid

114. Axile placentation is observed in

- (1) China rose, Beans and Lupin
(2) Tomato, Dianthus and Pea
(3) China rose, Petunia and Lemon
(4) Mustard, Cucumber and Primrose

115. Among eukaryotes, replication of DNA takes place in

- (1) S phase (2) G₁ Phase
(3) G₂ phase (4) M phase

116. How many ATP and NADPH₂ are required for the synthesis of one molecule of Glucose during Calvin cycle?

- (1) 18 ATP and 12 NADPH₂
(2) 12 ATP and 16 NADPH₂
(3) 18 ATP and 16 NADPH,
(4) 12 ATP and 12 NADPH₂

117. In gene gun method used to introduce alien DNA into host cells, microparticles of _____ metal are used.

- (1) Zinc
(2) Tungsten or gold
(3) Silver
(4) Copper

118. The thickness of ozone in a column of air in the atmosphere is measured in terms of:

- (1) Decibels (2) Decameter
(3) Kilobase (4) Dobson units

119. Unequivocal proof that DNA is the genetic material was first proposed by

- (1) Alfred Hershey and Martha Chase
(2) Avery, Macleod and McCarthy
(3) Wilkins and Franklin
(4) Frederick Griffith

120. In the equation**GPP-R NPP****GPP is Gross Primary Productivity NPP is Net Primary Productivity R here is**

- (1) Respiratory quotient
- (2) Respiratory loss**
- (3) Reproductive allocation
- (4) Photosynthetically active radiation

121. What is the role of RNA polymerase III in the process of transcription in Eukaryotes?

- (1) Transcription of tRNA, 5 srRNA and snRNA**
- (2) Transcription of precursor of mRNA
- (3) Transcription of only snRNAs
- (4) Transcription of rRNAs
(28S, 18S and 5.8S)

122. Which micronutrient is required for splitting of water molecule during photosynthesis?

- (1) molybdenum
- (2) magnesium**
- (3) copper
- (4) manganese**

123. In angiosperm, the haploid, diploid and triploid structures of a fertilized embryo sac sequentially are:

- (1) Antipodals, synergids, and primary endosperm nucleus
- (2) Synergids, Zygote and Primary endosperm nucleus**
- (3) Synergids, antipodals and Polar nuclei
- (4) Synergids, Primary endosperm nucleus and zygote

124. The phenomenon of pleiotropism refers to.

- (1) presence of two alleles, each of the two genes controlling a single trait.
- (2) a single gene affecting multiple phenotypic expression.**

- (3) more than two genes affecting a single character.
- (4) presence of several alleles of a single gene controlling a single crossover.

125. Given below are two statements: One is labelled as Assertion A and the other is labelled as Reason R:**Assertion A:** ATP is used at two steps in glycolysis.**Reason R:** First ATP is used in converting glucose into glucose-6-phosphate and second ATP is used in conversion of fructose-6-phosphate into fructose-1,6-diphosphate. In the light of the above statements, choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (1) Both A and R are true but R is NOT the correct explanation of A.**
- (2) A is true but R is false.
- (3) A is false but R is true.
- (4) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A.**

126. Cellulose does not form blue colour with iodine because

- (1) It is a helical molecule.
- (2) It does not contain complex helices and hence cannot hold iodine molecules.**
- (3) It breaks down when iodine reacts with it.
- (4) It is a disaccharide.

127. Which hormone promotes internode/petiole elongation in deep water rice?

- (1) Kinetin**
- (2) Ethylene**
- (3) 2, 4-D
- (4) GA₃**

128. Expressed Sequence Tags (ESTS) refers to

- (1) All genes that are expressed as proteins.
- (2) All genes whether expressed or unexpressed.
- (3) Certain important expressed genes.
- (4) All genes that are expressed as RNA.

129. Given below are two statements:

Statement I: The forces generated by transpiration can lift a xylem-sized column of water over 130 meters height.

Statement II: Transpiration cools leaf surfaces sometimes 10 to 15 degrees evaporative cooling.,, In the light of the above statements, choose the **most appropriate** answer from the options given below:

- (1) Both Statement I and Statement II are incorrect.
- (2) Statement I is correct but Statement II is incorrect.
- (3) Statement I is incorrect but Statement II is correct.
- (4) Both Statement I and Statement II are correct.

130. Upon exposure to UV radiation, DNA stained with ethidium bromide will show

- (1) Bright blue colour
- (2) Bright yellow colour
- (3) Bright orange colour.
- (4) Bright red colour.

131. The historic Convention on Biological Diversity, 'The Earth Summit' was held in Rio de Janeiro in the year:

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| (1) 1992 | (2) 1986 |
| (3) 2002 | (4) 1985 |

132. The reaction centre in PS II has an absorption maxima at

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| (1) 700 nm | (2) 660 nm |
| (3) 780 nm | (4) 680 nm |

133. Given below are two statements: One is labelled as Assertion A and the other is labelled as Reason R:

Assertion A: The first stage of gametophyte in the life cycle of moss is protonema stage.

Reason R: Protonema develops directly from spores produced in capsule.

In the light of the above statements,

Choose the most appropriate answer from the options given below:

- (1) Both A and R are correct but R is NOT the correct explanation of A.
- (2) A is correct but R is not correct.
- (3) A is not correct but R is correct.
- (4) Both A and R are correct and R is the correct explanation of A.

134. In tissue culture experiments, leaf mesophyll cells are put in a culture medium to form callus. This phenomenon may be called as :

- (1) Dedifferentiation
- (2) Development
- (3) Senescence
- (4) Differentiation

135. Given below are two statements:

Statement I: Endarch and exarch are the terms often used for describing the position of secondary xylem in the plant body.

Statement II: Exarch condition is the most common feature of the root system.

In the light of the above statements, Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (1) Both Statement I and Statement II are false.
- (2) Statement I is correct but Statement II is false.
- (3) Statement I is incorrect but Statement II is true.
- (4) Both Statement I and Statement II are true.

Section-B (Attempt Any 10)

136. Identify the correct statements:

- A Lenticels are the lens-shaped openings permitting the exchange of gases.
- B Bark formed early in the season is called hard bark. X
- C Bark is a technical term that refers to all tissues exterior to vascular cambium.
- D Bark refers to periderm and secondary phloem.
- E Phellogen is single-layered in thickness.

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (1) A and D only
- (2) A, B and D only
- (3) B and C only
- (4) B, C and E only

137. Match List I with List II :

	List I		List II
A.	Cohesion	I.	More attraction in liquid phase
B.	Adhesion	II.	Mutual attraction among water molecules
C.	Surface tension	III.	Water loss in liquid phase
D.	Guttation	IV.	Attraction towards polar surface

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (1) A-IV, B-III, C-II, D-I
- (2) A-III, B-I, C-IV, D-II
- (3) A-II, B-1, C-IV, D-III.
- (4) A-II, B-IV, C-1, D-III

138. Match List I with List II :

	List I		List II
A.	M Phase	I.	Proteins are synthesized
B.	G ₂ Phase	II.	Inactive phase
C.	Quiescent stage	III.	Interval between mitosis and initiation of DNA replication
D.	G ₁ Phase	IV.	Equational division

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (1) A-IV, B-II, C-I, D-III
- (2) A-IV, B-I, C-II, D-III
- (3) A-II, B-IV, C-I, D-III
- (4) A-III, B-II, C-IV, D-I

139. Which of the following statements are correct about Klinefelter's Syndrome?

- A. This disorder was first described by Langdon Down (1866).
- B. Such an individual has overall masculine development. However, the feminine development is also expressed.
- C. The affected individual is short statured.
- D. Physical, psychomotor and mental development is retarded.
- E. Such individuals are sterile.

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (1) C and D only
- (2) B and E only
- (3) A and E only
- (4) A and B only

140. Given below are two statements :

Statement I: Gause's Competitive Exclusion Principle' states that two closely related species competing for the same resources cannot co-exist indefinitely and competitively inferior one will be eliminated eventually.

Statement II: In general, carnivores are more adversely affected by competition than herbivores. In the light of the above statements, choose the correct answer from the options given below :

- (1) Both Statement I and Statement II are false.
- (2) Statement I is correct but Statement II is false.
- (3) Statement I is incorrect but Statement II is true.
- (4) Both Statement I and Statement II are true.

141. How many different proteins does the ribosome consist of?

- (1) 60
- (2) 40
- (3) 20
- (4) 80

142. Which of the following combinations is required for chemiosmosis?

- (1) membrane, proton pump, proton gradient, NADP synthase
- (2) proton pump, electron gradient, ATP synthase
- (3) proton pump, electron gradient, NADP synthase
- (4) membrane, proton pump, proton gradient, ATP synthase

143. Which one of the following statements is NOT correct?

- (1) Algal blooms caused by excess of organic matter in water improve water quality and promote fisheries.
- (2) Water hyacinth grows abundantly in eutrophic water bodies and leads to an imbalance in the ecosystem dynamics of the water body.
- (3) The amount of some toxic substances of industrial waste water increases in the organisms at successive trophic levels.
- (4) The micro-organisms involved in biodegradation of organic matter in a sewage polluted water body consume a lot of oxygen causing the death of aquatic organisms.

144. Match List I with List II :

	List I (Interaction)		List II (Species A and B)
A.	Mutualism	I.	+ (A), O(B)
B.	Commensalism	II.	- (A), O(B)
C.	Amensalism	III.	+(A), - (B)
D.	Parasitism	IV.	+(A), +(B)

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (1) A-IV, B-I, C-II, D-III
- (2) A-IV, B-III, C-I, D-II
- (3) A-III, B-I, C-IV, D-II
- (4) A-IV, B-II, C-I, D-III

145. Main steps in the formation of Recombinant DNA are given below. Arrange these steps in a correct sequence.

- A. Insertion of recombinant DNA into the host cell.
- B. Cutting of DNA at specific location by restriction enzyme.
- C. Isolation of desired DNA fragment.
- D. Amplification of gene of interest using PCR.

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (1) C, A, B, D (2) C, B, D, A
 (3) B, D, A, C (4) B, C, D, A

146. Match List I with List II :

	List I (Interaction)		List II (Species A and B)
A.	Iron	I.	Synthesis of auxin
B.	Zinc	II.	Component of nitrate reductase
C.	Boron	III.	Activator of catalase
D.	Molybdenum	IV.	Cell elongation and differentiation

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (1) A-II, B-III, C-IV, D-I
 (2) A-III, B-I, C-IV, D-II
 (3) A-II, B-IV, C-I, D-III
 (4) A-III, B-II, C-L, D-IV

147. Match List I with List II:

	List I (Interaction)		List II (Species A and B)
A.	Oxidative decarboxylation	I.	Citrate synthase
B.	Glycolysis	II.	Pyruvate dehydrogenase
C.	Oxidative phosphorylation	III.	Electron transport system
D.	Tricarboxylic acid cycle	IV.	EMP pathway

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (1) A-II, B-IV, C-I, D-III
 (2) A-III, B-I, C-II, D-IV
 (3) A-II, B-IV, C-III, D-I
 (4) A-III, B-IV, C-II, D-I

148. Given below are two statements: One is labelled as Assertion A and the other is'. labelled as Reason R

Assertion A: In gymnosperms the pollen grains are released from the microsporangium and carried by air currents.

Reason R: Air currents carry the pollen grains to the mouth of the archegonia where the male gametes are discharged and pollen tube is not formed. In the light of the above statements,

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (1) Both A and R are true but R is NOT the correct explanation of A.
 (2) A is true but R is false.
 (3) A is false but R is true.
 (4) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A.

149. Given below are two statements: One is labelled as Assertion A and the other is labelled as Reason R:

Assertion A: A flower is defined as modified shoot wherein the shoot apical meristem changes to floral meristem.

Reason R: Internode of the shoot gets condensed to produce different floral appendages laterally at successive nodes instead of leaves. In the light of the above statements,

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (1) Both A and R are true but R is NOT the correct explanation of A.
- (2) A is true but R is false.
- (3) A is false but R is true.
- (4) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A.

150. Melonate inhibits the growth of pathogenic bacteria by inhibiting the activity of

- (1) Amylase.
- (2) Lipase
- (3) Dinitrogenase
- (4) Succinic dehydrogenase

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